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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3738

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 101.0078-00000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Gary K. Michelson ) Confirmation No 5619  
Serial No.: 09/593,591 )  
Filed: June 13, 2000 )  
For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
    BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED ) Examiner: P. Prebilic  
    TO CONFORM TO A PREPARED )  
    INTERVERTEBRAL )  
    IMPLANTATION SPACE )

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of February 6, 2004, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 34 of this paper.

Amendment 6-14-04